PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: NRS 15.060

Pursuant to Chapter 0400-4-7 of the Department's rules, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and §401 Water Quality Certification. This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this application.

APPLICANT: **East TN Natural Gas, LLC.**
c/o Tina Faraca,
5400 Westheimer Ct.
Houston TX 77056
Keith Suderman, Consultant Contact: 770-270-1192 #125

LOCATION: East TN Natural Gas, LLC, 12" Natural Gas Extension from the existing 3200 Main Line at Presley Road in Monroe County to the town of Loudon in Loudon County, TN (Lat: 35.671334/Lon: -84.289879).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to construct ~10 miles of 12" Natural Gas Extension from the existing 3200 Main Line at Presley Road in Monroe County to the town of Loudon in Loudon County, TN.

Impact 1: Latitude: 35.617314 Longitude: -84.274642
Unnamed tributary to Bat Creek Pipeline Mile Point 1.5
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 2: Latitude: 35.619935 Longitude: -84.274609
Unnamed tributary to Bat Creek Pipeline Mile Point 1.7
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 3: Latitude: 35.622455 Longitude: -84.274508
Unnamed tributary to Bat Creek Pipeline Mile Point 1.7
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 4: Latitude: 35.620489 Longitude: -84.274599
Unnamed tributary to Bat Creek Pipeline Mile Point 1.7
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 5: Latitude: 35.620338 Longitude: -84.274610
Unnamed tributary to Bat Creek Pipeline Mile Point 1.7

Single 12” gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 6: Latitude: 35.625963 Longitude: -84.274111
Tellico Lake Pipeline Mile Point 2.1
Single 12” gas utility line crossing by horizontal directional drill of 260 ft.

Impact 7: Latitude: 35.629658 Longitude: -84.273739
Unnamed tributary to Little TN River Pipeline Mile Point 2.4
Single 12” gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 8: Ponds within the right of way at:
35.629678, -84.273777 Pipeline Mile Point 2.4
35.631110, -84.274000 Pipeline Mile Point 2.5
35.632792, -84.273444 Pipeline Mile Point 2.6
35.650399, -84.279720 Pipeline Mile Point 3.9
35.703522, -84.303969 Pipeline Mile Point 7.9
Would not be crossed by the pipeline and are included in this notice for reference.

Impact 9: Latitude: 35.636403 Longitude: -84.274574
Unnamed tributary to Bat Creek Pipeline Mile Point 2.8
Single 12” gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 10: Latitude: 35.636399 Longitude: -84.273158
Unnamed tributary to Little TN River Pipeline Mile Point 2.4
Single 12” gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 11: Latitude: 35.648989 Longitude: -84.279083
Unnamed tributary to Fork Creek Pipeline Mile Point 3.9
Single 12” gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 12: Latitude: 35.656403 Longitude: -84.283213
Tellico Lake Pipeline Mile Point 4.4
Single 12” gas utility line crossing by horizontal directional drill of 310 ft.

Impact 13: Latitude: 35.661657 Longitude: -84.284910
Unnamed tributary to Little TN River Pipeline Mile Point 4.8
Single 12” gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 14: Latitude: 35.661389 Longitude: -84.284786
Unnamed tributary to Little TN River Pipeline Mile Point 4.8
Single 12” gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 15: Latitude: 35.664081 Longitude: -84.285992
Unnamed tributary to Little TN River Pipeline Mile Point 5.0
Single 12” gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 16: Latitude: 35.671714 Longitude: -84.290614
Unnamed tributary Clear Prong Creek Pipeline Mile Point 5.6
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 16: Latitude: 35.673664 Longitude: -84.293048
Unnamed tributary Clear Prong Creek Pipeline Mile Point 5.7
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 17: Latitude: 35.682586 Longitude: -84.296292
Unnamed tributary Clear Prong Creek Pipeline Mile Point 6.4
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 18: Latitude: 35.695111 Longitude: -84.300153
Unnamed tributary Clear Prong Creek Pipeline Mile Point 7.3
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 19: Latitude: 35.718919 Longitude: -84.310958
Unnamed tributary to Tennessee River Pipeline Mile Point 9.1
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Impact 20: Latitude: 35.730139 Longitude: -84.314461
Tennessee River Pipeline Mile Point 9.9
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by horizontal directional drill of 500 ft.

Impact 21: Latitude: 35.731600 Longitude: -84.314611
Unnamed tributary to Tennessee River Pipeline Mile Point 10.0
Single 12" gas utility line crossing by dry, open cut method.

Other impacts along this project would be covered under the General Permit for the Alteration of Wet Weather Conveyances.

DEGRADATION: In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activities will not result in degradation to water quality.

WATERSHED / WATERBODY DESCRIPTION: Bat Creek (TN06010204004_1000), Fork Creek (TN06010204002_10000), Clear Prong Creek and the miscellaneous tributaries (TN06010204001T_0999) are all tributaries of the Fort Loudon Reservoir which is part of the Little Tennessee River Watershed. The Little Tennessee River Watershed is located in Tennessee and North Carolina. The Tennessee portion includes parts of Blount, Loudon and Monroe counties. It drains approximately 1,050 square miles, 783 square miles of which are in Tennessee, and empties to the Fort Loudoun Lake Watershed. For more information on this watershed please visit http://www.state.tn.us/environment/water/watersheds/lower-tennessee-river.shtml

The tributaries other than the main channels impacted by the pipeline extension are narrow drainages 3-5 feet in width with 2 -4 foot banks and limited vegetative cover within the existing right of ways. Typical substrate in this section is comprised of clay, cobble and gravel.

All of the impacted waters were in the 2014 assessment cycle and were deemed supporting of designated uses. Therefore the stream is available for the temporary impacts to habitat.

Assessment Date: 2014

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada

FACTORS CONSIDERED: In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

COMMENTING: Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

PUBLIC HEARING: Interested persons may request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing. Send all public hearing request to the department's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator.

APPEAL: A permit appeal may be filed, pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 69-3-105(i) and Rule 0400-40-05, by the permit applicant or by any aggrieved person who participated in the public comment period announced by this notice. This petition must be filed within THIRTY (30) DAYS after public notice of the issuance of the permit. The petition must specify what provisions are being appealed and the basis for the appeal. It should be addressed to the technical secretary of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas at the following address: Tisha Benton, Director, Division of Water Resources, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 11th floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Any hearing would be in accordance with T.C.A. §§69-3-110 and 4-5-301 et seq.

FILE REVIEW: The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address (listed below) for review and/or copying.

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Resources, Natural Resources Unit
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Legend

- Project Centerline
- County Boundary
- State Boundary

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Sources: ESRI, Tiger, Spectra, TRC

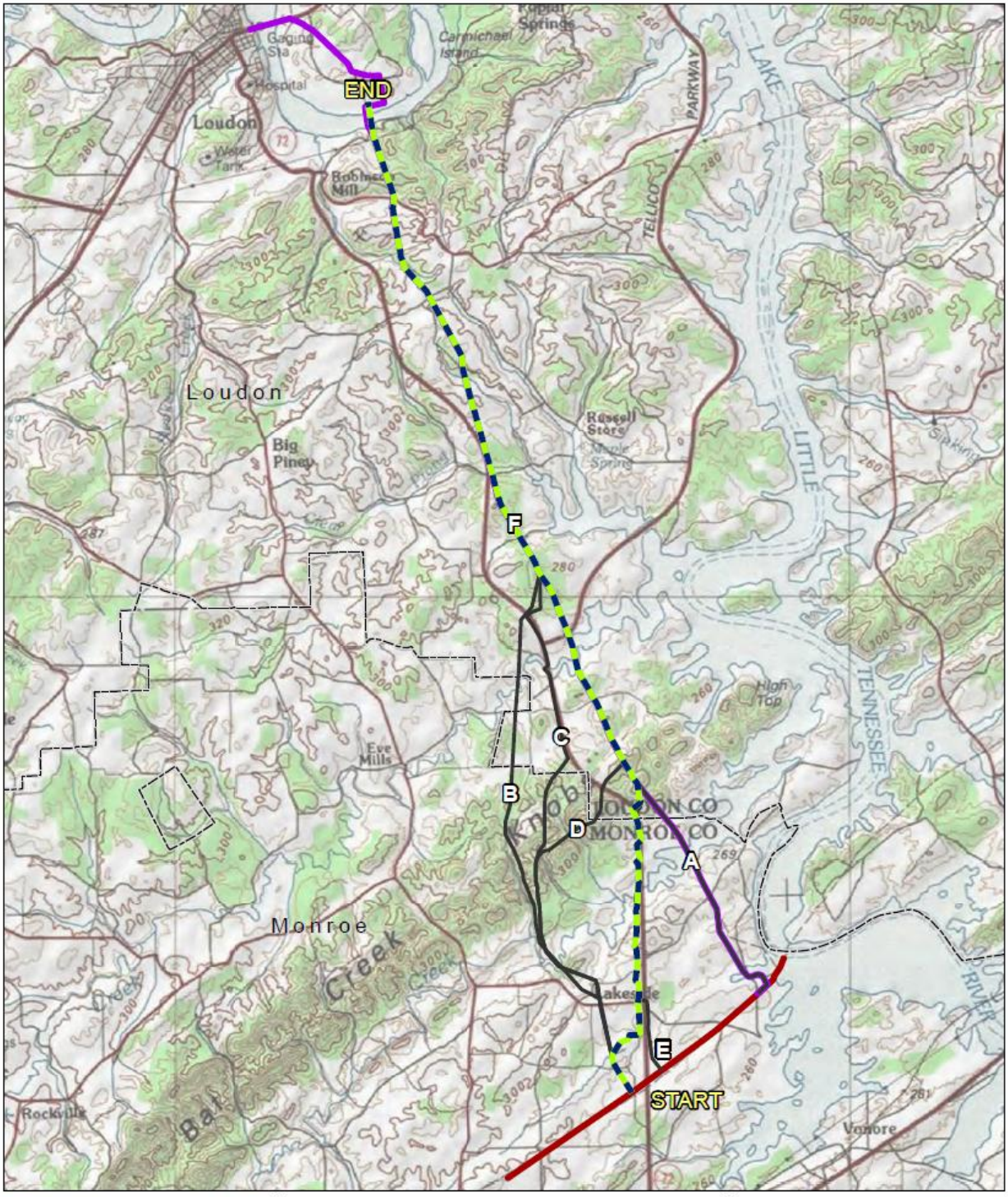
Spectra Energy Partners

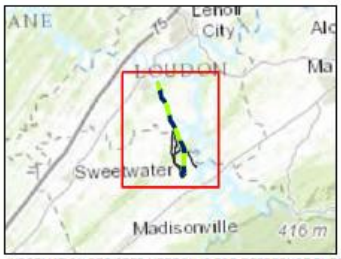
Loudon Expansion Project

Figure 1
General Location Map

TRC

14 Gabriel Drive
Augusta, ME 04330





Legend

- Preferred Route E
- Route Alternatives
- Existing Line 3200 Mainline
- Existing Loudon-Lenoir City Lateral
- County Boundary

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Figure 10-A

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